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SUBJ: U.S. SOLO EXHIBITION: PETROCHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY AND
EQUIPMENT, NOVEMBER 1973

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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
AND FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS AGREE TO IMPORTANCE
AND SUITABILITY THIS EXHIBITION FOR ROMANIAN PETROCHEMICAL
INDUSTRY. MINCHEMIND IN PARTICULAR IS BEING VERY COOPERATIVE
AND WILL ACT AS LEAD AGENCY ON ROMANIAN SIDE TO COORDINATE
EXHIBIT AND SEMINAR PROGRAM.

2. IN GROWTH RATE, PETROCHEMICAL SECTOR LEADS CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
WHICH IS ONE OF FASTEST GROWING AREAS IN ROMANIAN ECONOMY
AND HAS ANNUAL INDUSTRY GROWTH RATE IN LAST FIVE YEARS AVERAGING
SLIGHTLY OVER 20 PERCENT. PETROCHEMICAL SECTOR RECEIVES OVER HALF OF
INVESTMENT FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND ACCOUNTS
FOR ABOUT 43 PERCENT OF TOTAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OUTPUT. SOME OF THE
PRODUCTS ACCOUNTING FOR CURRENT RAPID GROWTH IN PETROCHEMICAL
FIELD ARE SYNTHETIC RUBBER, POLYVINYL CHLORIDE, CHLORO-SODIC
PRODUCTS, PESTICIDES, PHENOL, ACETONE, FATTY ALCOHOLS AND
POLYSTYRENE.

3. TWO MAJOR AREAS OF CONCENTRATION IN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY
WITHIN NEXT 5-10 YEARS WILL BE IN CHEMICALS FOR AGRICULTURE
AND IN POLYMERS. FOR EXAMPLE, DEVELOPMENT PLAN CALLS FOR
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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PRODUCTION FACILITIES FOR AMMONIA FERTILIZERS

IN ARAD, TURNU MAGURELE, CRAIOVA AND TIRGU MURES, AND FOR EXPANDED NITROGEN FERTILIZER FACILITIES IN SLOBOZIA, PIATRA NEAMT, AND TIRGU MURES. IN POLYMERS, CONCENTRATION IS ON PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS, SYNTHETIC FIBERS AND SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

4. NEW CONSTANTA PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX STILL FORMS PART OF 1976-1980 PLAN, AND FORESEES CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT CAPABLE OF PROCESSING 78 MILLION TONS CRUDE PER YEAR. INITIAL TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND JAPANESE FIRMS AND WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COMPANIES. NO MAJOR U.S. FIRM HAS SHOWN SERIOUS INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT TO DATE, ALTHOUGH STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA AND GULF HAVE EXAMINED THE REQUIREMENTS.

5. CATEGORIES LISTED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL ARE ALL OF INTEREST TO ROMANIANS. THERE IS HIGHEST INTEREST IN FOLLOWING SPECIFIC AREAS:

- A) NES TECHNOLOGY IN PETROCHEMISTRY AND OIL PROCESSING,
- B) TECHNOLOGY IN PLANT MODERNIZATION,
- C) PUMPS, COMPRESSORS AND FITTINGS FOR CHEMICAL INDUSTRY,
- D) PHOTSENSITIZATION EQUIPMENT,
- E) EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCING MAGNESIUM OXIDE FROM SEA WATER, AND
- F) CONTROL AND MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT.

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